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Letter dated 9 April 2001 from the Permanent Representative of Sweden to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit to you the statement issued on 6 April 2001 by the Presidency of the European Union on behalf of the European Union on the visit to Belgrade of the Special Representative of the United Nations Secretary-General in Kosovo, Mr. Hans Haekkerup (see annex).

I should be grateful if the present letter and its annex could be circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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Statement on the visit to Belgrade of the Special Representative of the United Nations Secretary-General in Kosovo issued on 6 April 2001 by the Presidency of the European Union on behalf of the European Union

The European Union welcomes the visit to Belgrade on 5 April 2001 of the Special Representative of the United Nations Secretary-General in Kosovo, Hans Haekkerup. His meeting with the President of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia, Vojislav Kostunica, marks an important step forward in the development of a constructive relationship between the United Nations Interim Administration Mission in Kosovo (UNMIK) and the Government of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia.

The European Union warmly welcomes the support expressed by President Kostunica for the efforts of UNMIK to establish a legal framework for Kosovo and his confirmation of Kosovo Serb participation in this process.

The European Union recalls earlier commitments by the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia/Serbian authorities regarding the release of the remaining Kosovo Albanian political prisoners. The European Union supports the idea of setting up a joint mechanism (Federal Republic of Yugoslavia/UNMIK) to clarify the fate of all missing persons, with a view also to involving affected Serb, Kosovo Albanian and other representatives of civil society.

The European Union once again urges the Kosovo Albanian leaders to use their leverage to stop the harassment of minorities and the violence against them. It encourages KFOR and UNMIK to continue to do their utmost to provide security for minority communities and to create conditions for the safe and dignified return of all refugees and displaced persons from Kosovo.

The European Union looks forward to the formal establishment of an UNMIK office in Belgrade.